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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Thursday, June 28 has a story by a Department spokesman on a FAA proposal on patients needing oxygen when flying.

"The Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration has proposed a rule to allow passengers to carry their own oxygen supply aboard aircraft if they have a written statement of need signed by a licensed physician. At present, oxygen and non-flammable compressed gases are permitted only in the cargo hold except for oxygen required in the passenger compartments for possible in-flight emergencies. Under the proposal, aircraft operators would have to ensure adequate safety standards for handling the oxygen equipment and be responsible for determining that the patient's oxygen supply was adequate to meet medical needs for the duration of the flight. The proposed rule followed a petition from the Air Transport Association of America which pointed out the increasing frequency of requests from medical patients."

This has been the Transportation News Report.